



Department of Defense Combat Feeding Directorate (CFD)

The DoD Combat Feeding Directorate (CFD) is a joint-service program responsible for meeting the unique combat feeding requirements of each military service. This includes all efforts — research, development, integration, testing and engineering for combat rations, field food service equipment and complete combat feeding systems. The CFD includes a partnership between the Natick Soldier Center's Combat Feeding Directorate (CFD) and Product Manager Force Sustainment Systems (PM FSS). The PM effectively manages advanced development (6.4) and full-scale development (6.5) for Army managed food service equipment. The CFD is responsible for management and execution of all science and technology programs, and 6.4/6.5 for Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force field food service equipment as well as combat rations for all four Services.



Why is it Needed?

The food industry has little profit incentive to conduct R&D aimed at meeting the specific requirements of military operations. To create and enhance new capabilities for the warfighter, there needs to be continual technological breakthroughs in food, food packaging and food service equipment - and this will not occur without the research and focused leveraging of the CFD.

The Teams:

Eight multidisciplinary, highly integrated teams develop revolutionary combat feeding technology for our warfighters:

- Combat Feeding Innovative Science
- Advanced Processes & Packaging
- Performance Enhancement & Food Safety
- Energy & Equipment Technology
- Individual Combat Rations
- Group Rations
- Systems Equipment & Engineering
- Food Engineering Services

Teams are comprised of scientists and engineers with a broad range of technical disciplines. Further support is provided by a Senior Advisor who specializes in both nutritional biochemistry and advanced processing. The Food and Nutrition Research and Engineering Board (chaired by the Office of the Defense, Director of Research and Engineering) oversees CFD activities.



Key Features / Benefits:

Leading Edge Technologies...by actively leveraging industry, academia, and other government agencies, CFD provides a one-stop shop involving total life cycle efforts, to include engineering support, giving warfighters a decisive edge. Our versatile capabilities have produced successful, innovative products now in use around the world.

Customer Focus...we are a highly customer-driven organization, tailored to meet the needs of the 21st century warfighter.

Affordable Solutions...Our Integrated Products Teams consistently optimize cost, schedule and performance.

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